

REMARKS

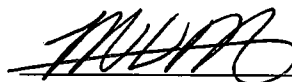
Claims 22-24 were objected to as being allowable but for their dependence on rejected base claims. In that regard, claim 22 depended from independent claim 1, claim 23 depended from independent claim 8, and claim 24 depended from independent claim 15.

In the above claim changes, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 22, claim 8 is amended to include the limitations of claim 23, and claim 15 is amended to include the limitations of claim 24. These amendments place each of the three independent claims in condition for immediate allowance. Further, Applicant canceled or amended the remaining dependent claims, to comport with the independent claim amendments. (For example, claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, and 22-24 are newly canceled in this response, and claim dependencies in view of these cancellations are corrected for claims 6, 13, and 20.)

In view of these changes, all claims pending after entry of the instant amendments stand in condition for immediate allowance and Applicant looks forward to receiving an indication as such by the examiner. Further, while Applicant is aware of no further issues that would delay allowance of this case, the undersigned attorney respectfully asks that the examiner call if there are any such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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